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It's official: Goodale throws his support behind Trudeau



Federal Liberal leadership candidate Justin Trudeau speaks with media Tuesday after addressing a crowded room at the Hilton Garden Inn in Saskatoon, kicking off the Saskatchewan leg of his campaign tour. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

Leadership bid. Liberal MP gives endorsement as candidate makes his pitch in the province



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Minutes before federal Liberal leadership candidate Justin Trudeau took to the podium at a campaign luncheon in Saskatoon Tuesday, Ralph Goodale — Saskatchewan's only Liberal MP — announced his endorsement of Trudeau.

"What I have been impressed with is Justin's work ethic.... He is absolutely rolling up his sleeves and going to work in every corner of the country," said Goodale at the Liberal leadership event.

"More than anyone else, Justin gets people excited

Tuesday's speech

We need to draw together: Trudeau

Kicking off the Saskatchewan leg of his campaign tour, Liberal leadership candidate Justin Trudeau spoke to a packed room Tuesday about his vision to get all Canadians engaged in the political health of our country.

"This country requires that we draw together, that we understand that the solutions generated right across the country must not be used as leverage to create envy and try to buy votes, but to create a shared prosperity across the country," said Trudeau.

"This land is too big, too empty and too dang cold too many months of the year for us to go at it alone."

JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

about Canada's potential. He unleashes the hope, the ambition, the optimism necessary to lift Canadians above the grinding mediocrity that has dominated Stephen Harper's years in power," he said.

Trudeau said Goodale has been a strong ambassador to the Liberal party in Saskatch-

ewan — a province currently dominated by Conservatives.

"I'm very proud of the strong role that Ralph has played in speaking up for Western farmers and for the agricultural community right across this country, and we're lucky to have him," said Trudeau.

Santos case moves forward

A co-accused in the Westview murder appears in court PAGE 3

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Esterhazy

Miners emerge from underground after being trapped by fire

More than 300 miners were trapped underground for several hours after a fire broke out at Mosaic's K2 potash mine near Esterhazy, Sask.

The mine was shut down as crews battled the blaze that broke out about 10:35 a.m. Monday.

The 318 miners working at the K1 and K2 sites raced to underground refuge stations for safety.

It took around three hours for emergency rescue teams to put out the fire and another few hours for the smoke to clear.

Brad DeLorey says all

employees were accounted for and there were no reports of injuries.

About 5 p.m., the miners began coming up to the surface.

The process of getting them out continued into the evening but DeLorey said it was expected they would all be out by midnight.

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Drain on the system?

Deportation of woman, disabled daughter cancelled

The deportation to Romania of a Saskatoon woman and her disabled daughter is not going ahead.

Eniko Reka Kincses says a deportation hearing that was to be held Tuesday has been

cancelled. Kincses and her teenage daughter have lived in Saskatoon for four years.

The girl has cerebral palsy but does not need any special medication or treatment.

The two were to be escorted to their home country on Wednesday.

Kincses had said she was told her daughter had the potential to be a drain on health and social services.

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NDP membership up heading into leadership convention

Demographics. Party president in Sask. attributes rise to 350 per cent increase within Young New Democrats



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Saskatchewan New Democrats are experiencing a bump in membership heading into the their leadership convention in March.

More than 11,000 people in the province are eligible to vote for the new leader of the opposition, a 35 per cent increase from its 2012 membership of roughly 8,000 people.

Cory Oxelgren, president of the Saskatchewan NDP, said the increase is mostly attributed to renewals and a 350 per cent increase within the Young New Democrats membership.

All four leadership candidates are under 40 years, and that might be contributing to the younger demographics in the party, says Charles Smith, assistant professor in politics at STM College at the U of S.

"No one candidate can say they are the youth candidate and have been able to build the youth membership. All the candidates have been playing that

card and I think refreshingly so," said Smith.

The race has four more debates, including ones in Regina and Saskatoon, before the Leadership Convention on March 9.

In the last leadership race in 2009, NDP membership was approximately 14,000, but Smith says it is a different time for the NDP party.

"It's a harder challenge for the NDP when it's building on an election that saw them slip so far to one of its lowest in recorded history, so they really are building back up from a low starting point," said Smith.

Former NDP leader Dwain Lingenfelter stepped down in 2011 after failing to get a seat in the provincial legislature and interim leader John Nilson did not join the leadership race. They hold nine out of 58 seats in the provincial legislature.

NDP leadership candidates

- Cam Broten, MLA for Saskatoon Massey Place
- Ryan Meili, family doctor and author, placed second in 2009 NDP leadership race
- Erin Weir, economist
- Trent Wotherspoon, MLA for Regina Rosemont



Cory Oxelgren, president of the Saskatchewan NDP, announces final membership numbers in advance of the party's leadership convention, which is scheduled for March. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

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House of Commons

Federal electoral boundaries in Saskatoon, Regina may be changed

A report redrawing the federal electoral boundaries for Saskatoon and Regina has been tabled in the House of Commons.

If accepted, it would create three urban-only ridings in Saskatoon and two in Regina.

Saskatoon-Rosetown-Biggar would become Saskatoon West, with the rural portion dubbed Humboldt-Warman-Martensville-Rosetown.

That leaves Saskatoon-University to encompass the city's east side and Saskatoon-Grasswood the south.

Regina would be divided into Regina-Lewvan, Regina-Wascana and Regina-Qu'Appelle — a riding consisting of a rural-urban blend.

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Melissa Squire

Saskatoon fashion designers items will be in Oscar swag bags

Saskatoon fashion designer Melissa Squire is preparing items to be included in gift bags that will be handed out to stars as part of the swag associated with the Oscars.

Squire says she thinks she came to the attention of Oscar producers by doing well as Brooklyn Fashion Week last fall.

She says she thinks Katy Perry would be perfect for her rockabilly, 1950s retro designs.

And she'd love to see Johnny Depp wear one of her bow ties fashioned from recycled bicycle tubes.

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1 of 3 Santos murder suspects makes court appearance

Kyle Darren Halbauer.
Accused appeared in provincial court Tuesday morning without a lawyer



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One of the three Alberta men charged in the Sept. 12 murder of Lorry Ann Santos made a brief court appearance on Tuesday morning.

Kyle Darren Halbauer, 22, who appeared in provincial court without a lawyer, is one of the three accused in the murder that shook Saskatoon's Westview neighborhood.

Joshua Dylan Petrin, 29 and Randy James Wayne O'Hagan, 22, were also charged in the murder, and the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team confirmed all three have ties to the White Boy Posse, an organized-crime group based out of Alberta.

Saskatoon police say Santos was an innocent victim and they believe the shooting was a botched murder attempt resulting from inter-provincial drug dealing and organized crime.

O'Hagan and Halbauer are also charged with the death of 35-year-old Bryan Gower, whose body was discovered on a rural road near Kitscoty, Alta., on Sept. 25 2012.

O'Hagan is also a co-accused in the death of Robert John Roth Sr., whose partial remains were found on Oct. 20 2012. His severed head was later found by a passerby in Edmonton on Oct. 25, 2012.

Insp. Jerry Scott, officer in charge of the Alberta RCMP serious-crimes branch, said the kind of violence the White Boy Posse is known



Members of the Saskatoon Police Service investigate in front of Lorry Ann Santo's home after she was shot to death on Sept. 12, 2012. Police would later charge three men with connections to an Albertan organized-crime group called the White Boy Posse with first-degree murder. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

for will not be tolerated by law enforcement.

"Those who choose to engage in this type of criminal

behavior here in Alberta or elsewhere should know that there will be consequences. We can and will track you

down," said Scott in a December press release.

Halbauer is scheduled to be back in court on Feb. 22

at 10:30 a.m. The same day, his co-accused, O'Hagan, is scheduled to make a 9:30 a.m. appearance.

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Scores of dead bodies dumped in Syrian city

Nationwide violence.

Various sources put the number killed on Tuesday at around 160

The bodies of at least 65 people were found in Syria's northern city of Aleppo Tuesday as the government and rebels blamed each other for the mass killing.

The bodies, almost all men in their 20s and 30s, were discovered in the contested neighbourhood of Bustan al-Qasr, according to Rami Abdul-Rahman, director of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. Intense clashes between rebels and government troops have raged in the district since opposition forces launched an offensive on Aleppo in July.

Abdul-Rahman said the identities of the dead were unknown and it was not clear who was behind the killings. A government official told The Associated Press that

the dead were residents of Bustan al-Qasr.

Syrian state TV said the men were killed by members of Jabhat al-Nusra, an al-Qaida-linked group. It said the men were killed after they demanded members of the group to leave their areas.

An activist group, the Local Co-ordination Committees, put the number of bodies at 80. It blamed government forces for the killing.

The same day, a bomb wounded Abdul-Razzak Qtini, once governor of the province of Hama, as he was in his car, said Abdul-Rahman and a neighbour of Qtini.

Earlier Tuesday, rebels stormed a government intelligence complex in the east, freeing at least 11 people held in a prison there, activists said.

Regime warplanes also carried several airstrikes on rebel positions in restive towns and villages around Damascus, the Observatory said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Protesters demand blood for blood in India

Protesters gathered near India's Parliament on Tuesday, demanding the death penalty for six men accused in the fatal gang rape of a young woman on a bus in New Delhi last month. The protesters carried placards saying, "Give us Justice, Hang the Rapists," and shouted slogans before conducting a mock hanging of the men who are facing trial in a special court in New Delhi. Meanwhile, India's Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected a petition to move the trial out of New Delhi. The petition argued that the men would not get a fair trial because of the charged atmosphere in the capital. **ALTAF QADRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Nightclub. Cheap flares linked to lethal blaze

Penny-pinching by a band known for its onstage pyrotechnic displays may have cost more than 230 people their lives at a nightclub in southern Brazil, according to a police inspector leading the investigation into this weekend's deadly blaze.

"The flare lit was for outdoor use only, and the people who lit them know that," Insp. Marcelo Arigony told reporters at a news conference Tuesday. "They chose to buy those because they were cheaper than those that can be used indoors."

Arigony said that the outdoor flares cost a mere \$1.25 a piece, compared to the \$35 price tag for an indoor flare.

Police have said the club's ceiling was covered with an insulating foam made from a combustible material.

A malfunctioning fire extinguisher was not legal, Arigony said, and the club's operating licence had expired in August.

"Any child could have seen that this establishment should not have been open," he said.

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Head of Egypt's military fears nation may collapse



Protesters in Tahrir Square celebrate the capture of an armoured vehicle taken during clashes with security forces in Cairo. **AMR NABIL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Burying their dead from Egypt's wave of violence, residents of the coastal city of Port Said vented their fury at their Islamist president on Tuesday, virtually declaring revolt against his rule.

Meanwhile, the head of the military warned Egypt may collapse under the weight of its turmoil.

Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's grave comments, his first since the crisis began, appeared to push for reconciliation and a solution to the protests and riots across much of the country the past six days.

His words fall heaviest on President Mohammed Morsi, who has failed to contain the unrest as protesters defied his declaration of a month-long state of emergency and curfew in Port Said and two neighbouring cities.

At least 60 people have been killed and hundreds injured since Thursday in clashes between police and protesters. Citizens are raging over what they call Islamist moves to monopolize power and the government's failure to address the country's many woes.

El-Sissi signalled the military would not move to put down protesters, saying troops are in a "grave predicament," forced to balance between "avoiding confrontation" with citizens and protecting state institutions.

In Cairo on Tuesday, rock-throwing protesters clashed with police firing tear gas for another day in battles that escalated after nightfall near Tahrir Square. The mayhem forced the nearby U.S. Embassy to suspend public services.

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Heart of resistance

Port Said's violence touched off Saturday when a court issued death sentences to 21 people over a bloody soccer riot a year ago.

- The verdicts were seen by residents as unfairly targeting Port Said.
- Many believe Morsi is trying to sideline the city because of a tradition of defying authority.

Kazakhstan

20 die in crash of Canadian plane

A Canadian-made airplane carrying at least 20 people crashed today in heavy fog near Kazakhstan's principal city, Almaty, killing all on board.

State news agency Kazinform cites an emergency official at the site as saying the plane was initially denied permission to land due to poor visibility.

The plane made a second approach, but lost its bearings and crashed a few kilometres from the airport. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Pakistan

One slain in attack on polio workers

Gunmen on a motorcycle shot and killed a police officer protecting polio workers during a UN-backed vaccination campaign in northwestern Pakistan on Tuesday, police said.

Some Islamic militants oppose the campaign, accusing health workers of acting as spies for the U.S. and claiming the vaccine is intended to sterilize Muslim children.

In a separate incident in the region, a man wounded a polio worker with an axe. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

India tour. Tories grilled over \$1-million transport

The Conservative government is defending the \$1-million cost of flying armoured vehicles to India for Prime Minister Stephen Harper, saying it was a security decision by the RCMP.

Harper's use of an armoured car and an SUV bearing Canadian licence plates during his November tour prompted New Democrats to formally inquire about the cost.

The final tally was produced this week as parliamentarians returned after six weeks off.

It cost a little more than \$1 million for the use of the massive Canadian Forces C-17

Globemaster transport, which logged 48.5 hours of airtime flying the two vehicles to India.

Following a full assessment, "the RCMP determined there were no appropriate vehicles available in India," the government said.

An Indian government official confirmed during Harper's visit that it had offered an armoured Mercedes Benz for his use.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird responded that India has lost two prime ministers to assassination in the last 25 years. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Landslide. Rescue halted for buried quarry workers

The search was suspended Tuesday night for two Quebec quarry workers who are missing after an apparent landslide swept several vehicles into a pit nearly 100 metres deep.

Two trucks and an excavator were trapped in huge mounds of loose gravel at the bottom of the snowy crater in L'Epiphanie, Que., just east of Montreal.

A third worker managed to climb out of the excavator after the vehicle tumbled down the steep embankment. He suffered from frostbite, shock and minor injuries and was

whisked to safety by helicopter, according to provincial police spokesman Benoit Richard.

Specialists working with rescue crews recommended suspending the search until Wednesday morning, Richard said. Search teams needed to be able to see how the gravel in the pit might shift while they work.

Repentigny police spokesman Bruno Marier says rescue workers planned to bring heavy search equipment down to the site in the morning.

Police could not explain the cause of the landslide. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Timbuktu: Where books burned and music was banned

Priceless documents destroyed. Extremists terrorized this city, now in control of Malian and French troops

Timbuktu, the fabled desert city where retreating Muslim extremists destroyed ancient manuscripts, was a centre of Islamic learning hundreds of years before Columbus landed in the Americas.

It is not known how many of the priceless documents were destroyed by al Qaeda-linked fighters who set ablaze a state-of-the-art library built with South African funding to conserve the brittle, camel-hide bound manuscripts.

News of the destruction came on Monday from the mayor of Timbuktu.

Tens of thousands more manuscripts — no one knows how many — were kept at other libraries and private homes in Timbuktu. Some are believed to have been hidden from the Islamist fighters, who began their desecration of the city by systematically razing the 15th-century mausoleums of several Sufi saints in July.

Islamist extremists decimated tourism in 2011 when three Europeans were taken hostage, frightening away visitors. In April 2012, Tuareg nationalist rebels seized control of Timbuktu from government troops. A day later



A 16-year-old boy sings verses from crumbling ancient Islamic manuscripts in a mud-walled house in Timbuktu, Mali, in this 2004 file photo. Islamist extremists have torched a library containing historic manuscripts, destroying an unknown number of the priceless documents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Islamist insurgents elbowed their way into the city. They banned music, insisted women cover themselves and began carrying out public executions and amputations.

On Tuesday, Timbuktu was in control of French and Malian troops, including

some 250 French paratroopers dropped from the sky.

The extremists melted into the desert without firing a shot. Townspeople were jubilant at the city's liberation from intolerant Islamist extremists.

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Hanging on. Queen not likely to abdicate: Experts

The spectacle of Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands stepping down in April at age 75 so her 45-year-old son can become king is sparking some speculation in Britain about whether Queen Elizabeth II might follow suit so her eldest son, Prince Charles, can start his reign.

Not likely, experts say.

Commentators noted that Elizabeth, 86, seems to be in excellent health and has said in the past that she regards being queen as a "job for life." Charles, 64, has been heir to the throne since he was three.

Robert Lacey, who has written several books about the British monarchy, said Beatrix's decision "would reinforce her (Elizabeth's) feeling that the Dutch don't know what monarchy is about," he



Queen Elizabeth is not expected to step aside anytime soon to allow Prince Charles to begin his reign. GETTY IMAGES

said. "The crown is a job for life in the British system."

Lacey said the idea of abdicating is particularly unpleasant for Elizabeth because her uncle, King Edward VIII, abdicated in 1936 so he could marry Wallis Simpson.

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McCain on immigration. What's old is new again for Arizona senator

Three years ago, as mid-term congressional elections approached in the United States, John McCain blamed home invasions and murders in the American southwest on illegal immigrants, urging federal officials to build "the danged fence" to keep them out.

Apparently nervous about a primary challenge from an anti-immigration Tea Party candidate eyeing his job, McCain's sudden hard line represented a dramatic turnaround from the Arizona senator's record in Congress, where he championed unsuccessful immigration reform bills in 2007.

What a difference a presidential election makes — one in which the overwhelming majority of Hispanics, the country's fastest-growing voting bloc, cast their ballots for Barack Obama, despite the president's own inaction on immigration reform.

McCain is now serving as one of the Republicans' most vocal proponents for a sweeping immigration overhaul. He was one of the key architects of a bipartisan deal



Sen. John McCain
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reached in the U.S. Senate this week that calls for a path to citizenship for millions of the country's illegal immigrants.

As Obama prepared Tuesday to unveil details of the White House's immigration-reform proposals in Nevada, McCain was front and centre on the morning talk-show circuit, emphasizing the urgent need to address the issue.

"We cannot have, forever, 11 million people living in the shadows in this country," said the former Republican presidential candidate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kerry. Senate OK's Obama's pick for top diplomatic job

Sen. John Kerry has spent the past four years acting as an unofficial envoy for President Barack Obama, tamping down diplomatic fires around the globe. Now it's official: the U.S. Senate overwhelmingly confirmed Kerry to replace Hillary Rodham Clinton as the top American diplomat.

Tuesday's 94-3 vote to confirm Kerry as secretary of state marked his re-emergence on the world stage, eight years after he went down to defeat in his bid to unseat President George W. Bush.

Both Republicans and Democrats called Kerry the ideal successor to Clinton, who is stepping down after four years. Kerry, 69, the son of a diplomat and a decorated Vietnam veteran, had pinned for the job but was passed over in 2009. He instead became chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Obama tasked him with smoothing fractious ties with Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Kerry could be sworn in as early as Wednesday.

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French gay marriage

Parliament debating bill

The French government has presented a divisive plan to legalize gay marriage and adoption to Parliament for debate.

President Francois Hollande's "marriage for everyone" pledge has seen hundreds of thousands of supporters and opponents take to the Paris streets in separate demonstrations in the past two weeks.

Concessions have already been made to opponents, with plans to replace "father" and "mother" with "parent 1" and "parent 2" in official documents being ditched for straight couples.

The bill is set to be debated over two weeks.

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Man's best friend to

Release the hounds.

Metro reporter discovers first-hand what it's like to be buried under snow



MATT KIELTYKA
Metro in Vancouver

The only sound I hear is that of my own body breathing in and out.

It's been that way since I climbed into a snug hole carved into the side of Revelstoke Mountain Resort in B.C., and flashed a "thumbs-up" sign to ski patrol.

As I lay there in the fetal position, the patroller covered my one escape with large slabs of snow and ice.

"Are you OK? I'm going to fill in the cracks with snow now," he says.

The outside world is silent for the next 15 minutes, although everyone on the surface says they keep trying to communicate with me.

I can't tell.

Today, I've been put in the role of an avalanche victim.

...

Al Roberts and his faithful companion, Sadie, a seven-year-old Belgian shepherd cross, bide their time in the kennel atop the ski hill when Roberts hears "go ahead" over the static on his radio.

Sadie knows it's time to work.

She leaps out of her cage and barks excitedly as Roberts steps into his ski bindings and starts descending the mountain.

In a few minutes, they'll be at the site of a simulated avalanche where a "victim" is buried underneath a pile of snow.

To the naked eye, it's impossible to tell where I'm buried.

Sadie impatiently paces



The Canadian Avalanche Rescue Dog Association's Sadie pokes her head through the snow during a rescue simulation in Revelstoke, B.C., on Jan. 8.
MATT KIELTYKA/METRO IN VANCOUVER

back and forth as they reach the bottom of the run.

"Are you ready to go to work?" Roberts works Sadie up into a frenzy. "Search!"

...

The sound of my breathing is joined by a faint rustle overhead.

Although I'm not in real danger, my spirit soars on a gust of optimism as rustling turns to scratching and scratching turns to the distinct sounds of paws digging through snow and hurried panting.

Bits of snow come free and sprinkle down on me as the sounds get louder.

Suddenly an en-

Sadie and her owner, Al Roberts, have been CARD-validated for five years, and in that time they've honed their rescue skills.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO IN VANCOUVER



tire block comes down and I see Sadie's wet nose poke through the opening.

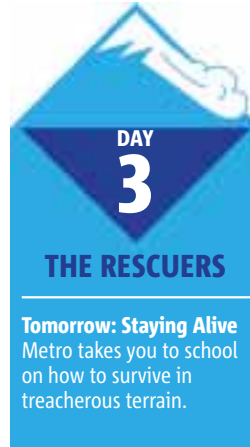
She barks, grabs the old, raggedy sweater I'm holding in my left hand and starts tugging at it, helping me as I claw my way out of the cold prison with my free arm.

Roberts, his boots crunching on fresh powder as he races toward us, keeps Sadie motivated.

"What did you find? There's a good girl, good girl."

...

It was a minute and 30 seconds from the time Roberts shouted "Search!" to the moment Sadie homed in on my scent and started digging for me.



Tomorrow: Staying Alive
Metro takes you to school on how to survive in treacherous terrain.

Roberts explains that, when responding to an avalanche, he and Sadie, like all members of the Canadian Avalanche Rescue Dog Association (CARD), are able to cover six times more ground than a team of human searchers — in a fraction of the time.

The effectiveness of rescue dogs can't be overstated.

"When you're buried, every second counts," is the tagline used on CARD's website.

Once on scene, Roberts's job is to see which direction the wind is coming from and send Sadie into it.

"The scent of the person comes out of the snow just like smoke would out of a hole. It takes the path of least resistance, out of the snow and into the wind," he explains.

"Once the dog gets into the scent cone, they can pinpoint where it's coming from. You can see their head just snap back and you can tell there's something there. They become more intent on finding where the scent is coming from, and as soon as they find it in the ground they just dive right in."

And anyone buried underneath is usually glad they do.



Avalanche-control forecaster Troy Leahy and his rescue dog, Penny, are two of the most

Exclusively online

"She's a total lifesaver and obviously a pro": Go to metronews.ca/rescuepuppy for the video of our reporter being dug out of the snow by Sadie the Revelstoke rescue dog.



Sadie
MATT KIELTYKA/METRO IN VANCOUVER



Veteran Revelstoke Search and Rescue volunteers Zuzana Driediger, right, and Buck Corrigan say self-rescue is the norm when avalanches hit in the backcountry. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO IN VANCOUVER

Search-and-rescue volunteers

When a fatal avalanche strikes in the B.C. backcountry, search-and-rescue volunteers are the ones who face the grim task of recovering the bodies.

Situated in what is known as the "powder belt," and boasting the most vertical ski resort in North America, Revelstoke is home to a huge contingent of highly experienced search-and-rescuers.

Buck Corrigan, a veteran manager at Revelstoke Search and Rescue (SAR) who helps co-ordinate a team of about 60, says that, despite the high seasonal risk, avalanche calls

aren't that common. Thanks to the proliferation of knowledge and more people than ever carrying avalanche kits, he gets perhaps one or two per season.

"We went to one last year, and it was over before we got there," he says. "The local group had done a self-rescue, and there was one fatality and by the time we got there it was over. They had recovered the fatality."

"In this part of the world, it's just accepted that you don't go out without a certain amount of equipment."

When an avalanche call

does come in, it's automatically relayed to the experts, day or night, who then rally at a muster station. The SAR team will include a technician to do a risk assessment, paramedics, avalanche-rescue dogs, and a helicopter and heli-sling technicians.

Zuzana Driediger is a part-time Revelstoke SAR volunteer with 20 years' experience. She says some calls are more stressful than others — such as the Size 3.5 avalanche (on a zero-to-five scale) that killed two men in 2010 while 200 snowmobilers were attending an annual

the rescue



familiar faces for skiers at Revelstoke Mountain Resort in B.C. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO IN VANCOUVER

pros at keeping calm in crisis

Quoted



"You kind of accept it that that's part of the game in the mountains."

Zuzana Driediger, Revelstoke Search and Rescue volunteer, acknowledging the toll that fatalities can take in her line of work

competition at nearby Boulder Mountain.

She recalled that at one point crews had to stop a man from building a bonfire and pouring gas on it, because the smoke was impeding rescue helicopters. She spent three

days on the scene with her avalanche-rescue dog, Hero, who used his keen sense of smell to help ensure the site was clear and no one was still buried.

"I personally try to stay calm and collected and just look at the big picture and focus on

safety first and what's important," she said of how she copes in a crisis.

"At the time I'm not very emotional. I just focus on the task at hand, but sometimes, yeah, it does affect you later on if there's fatalities involved, but you kind of accept it that that's part of the game in the mountains."

Emergency Management BC reimburses all volunteer search-and-rescue groups for the costs of each rescue, while community organizations help raise money for new equipment.

KATE WEBB/METRO IN VANCOUVER

K9 heroes

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MATT KIELTYKA/METRO IN VANCOUVER

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The CARDA dogs of Revelstoke

1 Penny

Four-year-old Labrador/golden retriever cross

Handler: Tory Leahy

Bio: While Leahy, an avalanche-control forecaster at Revelstoke Mountain Resort, is out ensuring the ski hills are safe for the public, Penny usually isn't too far behind.

2 Hero

Five-year-old German shepherd

Handler: Zuzana Driediger

Bio: As part of Revelstoke Search and Rescue, Hero's most notable mission was responding to the aftermath of the 2010 avalanche at Boulder Mountain during a snowmobiling event that involved more than 200 sledders.

3 Sadie

Seven-year-old Belgian shepherd cross

Handler: Al Roberts

Bio: A well-trained dog with a keen nose, Sadie is also a fan favourite on the slopes, especially when surprised skiers watch her jump onto a chair lift on her own.

About CARDA

Born out of a loose but long-standing partnership between the RCMP, Parks Canada and the ski industry, the Canadian

Avalanche Rescue Dog Association officially formed in 1982 as a non-profit volunteer organization. There are currently 28 validated CARDA teams (each made up of an owner and a dog) active in

British Columbia, Alberta and Yukon Territory. Teams must be revalidated each year and must attend a winter training course at least every other year.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO IN VANCOUVER

Trial. FBI used reward and praise to trap teen terrorism suspect: Expert

FBI agents set a complicated psychological trap for a U.S. teenager by rewarding his compliance and praising his intellect on the way to luring him into a terrorism plot, a psychologist testified Tuesday as part of the teenager's defence.

Elizabeth Cauffman, a professor of psychology at the University of California-Irvine, testified that recordings of two undercover FBI agents posing as al-Qaida recruiters show subtle but clear attempts to convince Mohamed Mohamud that the path to violence was the correct one.

The testimony came in the second day of testimony from defence witnesses in Mohamud's federal trial. He is accused of attempting to detonate a weapon of mass destruction at a Portland Christmas tree-lighting ceremony in November 2010. The bomb was a fake provided by the FBI.

Mohamud's defence team is attempting to reframe evidence already presented by prosecutors in a new light. Prosecutors say recordings of Mohamud agreeing to buy toggle switches and barrels to carry explosives are evidence that he was a will-

Development

Elizabeth Cauffman, a professor of psychology at the University of California-Irvine, testified about Mohamud.

- 17. Mohamud's brain likely wasn't fully developed at age 17, when he began attempts to reach al-Qaida affiliates and drew the attention of the FBI, Cauffman testified.
- 18. By age 18, Mohamud had fully formed intellectual capabilities but was still emotionally immature, Cauffman said.

ing participant in the plot. But Cauffman said that Mohamud had been conditioned by a system of reward, praise and prodding by the agents to agree with anything they said, including buying supposed bomb-making materials.

"They gave him the sense (that) they were authority figures," Cauffman said. "Adolescents don't want to seem like wimps." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

New gun-control proposals not serious solution: NRA

National Rifle Association. Advocacy group's official says background checks and bans are not the answer to reducing gun violence

Banning some assault weapons and requiring background checks for all firearms purchases are not a serious attempt to reduce gun violence, warned a top official at a U.S. gun-advocacy group on Tuesday as Congress geared up for the year's first hearing on the subject.

Wayne LaPierre, executive vice-president of the National Rifle Association, said the country must instead focus on boosting security at schools, en-



People walk from the U.S. Capitol to the Washington Monument in Washington Saturday during a march for gun control. SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

forcing existing gun laws and taking more steps to deny guns to people with mental illnesses.

"Law-abiding gun owners will not accept blame for the acts of violent or deranged criminals. Nor do we believe the government should dictate what we can lawfully own and use to protect our families," LaPierre said in testimony that he planned to deliver Wednesday at a hearing by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

LaPierre's statement, released Tuesday by the NRA, came nearly seven weeks after the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., in which a gunman killed 20 children and six adults. The horrific slayings have revived the national debate over gun control, with President Barack Obama proposing a range of restrictions last week and members of Congress introducing legislation on

the subject.

LaPierre's testimony was similar in substance but somewhat milder in tone than remarks he made less than two weeks after the mass shooting. Then, he attacked the "media machine" for blaming the gun industry for attacks like Newtown and said what was needed to prevent the next massacre were armed guards and police in every school.

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"I know it's hard. It doesn't mean I shouldn't try."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat on gun-legislation prospects

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Flying Wallenda finds way to beat the traffic

Aerialist Nick Wallenda walks the high wire 200 feet over U.S. 41, a highway in Sarasota, Fla., without a safety harness on Tuesday. The Sarasota City Commission allowed him to do the stunt without a tether. Wallenda, part of the famous Flying Wallendas family of aerialists, wore a tether for the first time last summer when he walked across Niagara Falls because the television network that was paying for the performance insisted on it. **DAN WAGNER, SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ashbury College

Ottawa teachers face disciplinary hearing over sex assault in Boston

Two Ottawa private school teachers are defending themselves against allegations they refused to report a sexual assault on a class trip to Boston in 2007.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sept. 11, 2001

9-11 fund makes 1st payments to sick responders

A special fund set up by Congress is making its first payments to people who got sick after being exposed to toxic dust at the World Trade Center following the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Change

Boy Scouts could face division if no-gays policy lifted

The Boy Scouts of America's proposed move away from its no-gays membership policy has outraged some longtime admirers, gratified many critics and raised intriguing questions about the iconic organization's future.

Will the Scouts now be split between troops with gay-friendly policies and those that keep the ban? What will a National Jamboree be like if it brings together these disparate groups with conflicting ideologies?

Of the more than 110,000 scouting units across the U.S., nearly 70 per cent are chartered by religious organizations. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

In New York, RIM set for big reveal

A BlackBerry is born. Wednesday's launch marks start of ad blitz to keep hype alive



A prototype of the new BlackBerry 10 operating system seen last fall. GETTY IMAGES FILE

After several technical blunders, two unexpected delays and one major shakeup in its leadership, BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion is about to raise the curtain for its new smartphone devices in hopes that consumers share the excitement.

The unveiling of the phones and operating system on Wednesday marks the start of an advertising blitz that will stretch to social media, the Super Bowl and beyond as RIM tries to regain the cool factor that was once firmly in its grasp.

If all goes according to plan, the event will also mark the end of a troublesome 12 months that has seen RIM try to stay afloat while its future was constantly in question by outsiders, and its stock price tumbled to the lowest level in about a decade.

While the first hurdles to overcome on Wednesday are the opinions of tech analysts and investor reaction, the true measure of success — actual sales of the phones — is still weeks away.

As a crowd of thousands gathers Wednesday at Pier 36, a massive entertainment venue on the shores of Manhattan, chief executive Thorsten Heins will step onto the stage holding the BlackBerry that has been at once considered the company's last hope, but also its biggest hurdle.

Online

Visit metronews.ca for live coverage of the BB10 launch.



When Heins took the reins at RIM just over a year ago, the new devices had already been delayed from a launch in 2011. Then in June of last year, he was forced to further push the debut into 2013, missing crucial sales periods like the back-to-school and Christmas holiday shopping seasons.

While analysts hated the idea of another delay, it also bought the company some extra time to tweak the software to capitalize on the weaknesses of competitors' smartphones.

One of those features is the BlackBerry Balance technology, which allows one phone to operate as both a business and personal device entirely separate from each other. Another one lets users seamlessly shift between the phone's applications. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Hey! Where'd Beijing go?

A cyclist passes a flag-raising ceremony during severe pollution at Tiananmen Square on Tuesday in Beijing. Thick, off-the-scale smog shrouded eastern China for the second time in about two weeks, forcing airlines to cancel flights because of poor visibility and prompting Beijing to temporarily shut factories and curtail fleets of government cars. The U.S. embassy reported an hourly peak level of PM2.5 — tiny particulate matter that can penetrate deep into the lungs — at 526 micrograms per cubic metre, or "beyond index." Over a 24-hour period, readings were more than 20 times higher than World Health Organization safety levels. FENG LI/GETTY IMAGES

Oscar's Ontario connection. For the first time, a Canadian firm is in charge of little gold men

Every year at the Academy Awards, the big question is: Who does the Oscar go to? This year, there's a new one to trip up trivia buffs: Where does the Oscar come from?

For the first time in its venerable history, Hollywood's most prestigious accolade is being manufactured under the watch of a Canadian company. St. Regis Crystal of Markham, Ont., purchased Oscar's Chicago-based manufacturer R.S. Owens last December and with it, R.S. Owens' 30-year tradition of making the gold-plated statues.

Company decisions now come from southern Ontario, but the Oscars are still being

made at the Chicago foundry, says St. Regis vice-president Jeff Firkser.

"We purchased the company for its talent and for the stature they have in Chicago," Firkser says of R.S. Owens, which also makes trophies for the Emmy Awards and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Awards. "This particular award is a cast award and it's not going to change. It's going to always be done there."

Firkser says he had never seen an Oscar up close until taking over R.S. Owens. "The weight of it is quite surprising. It's a lot heavier than it looks," he says. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



An Oscar statue handed out last year. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Consumer confidence. While Canucks look on sunny side, Americans are glum

Canadian and U.S. consumers appear to be heading in opposite directions in terms of their confidence in the economy going forward — it's up in Canada and down south of the border.

The Conference Board of Canada's survey on consumer confidence in January shows the index rebounding strongly by 5.1 points to 83.1, the highest level since June 2011 and the first increase in four months.

A similar survey by the Conference Board in the United States found confidence among consumers there plummeted this month to 58.6, the lowest

Quoted

"It's not so obvious what's going on in the U.S. I think what's behind it is that consumers first had to deal with risks of the fiscal cliff difficulties and then they had to deal with the impact on their payrolls."

Bank of Montreal economist Doug Porter

level since November 2011.

The results are baffling given that most economists

believe the U.S. is on the verge of a relatively strong economic performance in 2013, while the expectations for Canada — while not negative — are more modest.

Bank of Montreal economist Doug Porter says the U.S. result is most surprising to him, noting there are specific reasons why Canadians should be seeing the sunny side of the economic street at the moment.

In Canada, financial markets have been positive in January, gas prices are down, jobs are being created and interest rates remain at rock-bottom.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Graduate blues

Jobless youth to cost \$10.7B in lost wages, report says

The rise in youth unemployment in Canada will cost an estimated \$10.7 billion in lost wages over the next three years, a report by TD Economics estimates.

The "scarring" effect — the period of underemployment that follows — could cost another \$12.7 billion in lost earnings over the next 18 years, the report also predicts.

The study said that the

impact on the Canadian economy is relatively low compared to some European countries. "Of course, for the people suffering from unemployment, the impact is significant," said TD senior economist Martin Schwerdtfeger.

Youth who enter the labour market during a period of high unemployment can take years to catch up, an effect known as "scarring," the report said.

Youth unemployment in Canada has hovered around 14 per cent for the past two years, roughly double the average for all age groups. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Roast renaming

Give that blonde a makeover

The days of ordering up a tall blonde at your local Starbucks may be drawing to an end. The company is looking for suggestions to rename its blonde roast, currently called Veranda Blend, through a Canada-wide online contest that runs until Feb. 10.

A few of the suggestions so far include Smooth Silky Blonde, Temptress, Steamy and Morning Kiss. On the not-so-racy side of things,

there's Yellow Mellow, Winter Flurry, Morning Light and Liquid Gold.

The winning moniker will go on Canadian menus and packaging. Judges will choose three finalists based on appropriateness, feasibility, and originality and creativity. Those entries will be posted online in late February for a public vote.



Starbucks announced a blonde roast in 2011

in an effort to lure coffee drinkers who don't like its traditional dark, strong coffee.

Blonde roasts now account for 12 per cent of brewed coffee purchased at Starbucks stores in Canada, where people drink twice as much of the light stuff as Americans. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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GO LEGLESS AND GET AHEAD THIS YEAR



JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
metronews.ca

Back in the bad old days when everyone in Canada was nearly Scottish, there was one New Year, Jan. 1, and that was it. Today's infinitely more diverse (and interesting) times mean you have multiple opportunities to slough off the old year — like the skin of a snake — and begin anew.

And wouldn't you know? Coming up, on Feb. 10, it's the Year of the Snake for followers of the lunar calendar.

The snake is the sixth sign in the Chinese zodiac, and snake years happen in intervals of 12. Last year was a dragon year, which you might argue is a more impressive member of the reptile family, but don't sell the snake short.

Never stab a snake in the back, because a snake never forgets and always gets the last word.

The snake (in short) is good at, and for, business. This year is specifically a year of the water snake, which means, according to various Chinese astrologers, those born under the sign are influential, insightful, intellectual, motivated and determined to succeed. Snakes keep to themselves, don't talk much and are smarter than you. When you're together in the boardroom, you really want to know what they're thinking but you haven't the faintest idea.

Snakes make great scientists and investigators. They're relentless.

Never stab a snake in the back, because a snake never forgets and always gets the last word.

What's sauce for the snake is swamp water for the tiger, e.g., yours truly. Tigers and snakes are on completely different paths. If you have a snake in the house, you will never go hungry. If you have a tiger curled up in front of the fireplace, you're safe. Just don't expect them to get along.

Knowing your snakes from your tigers can be useful for making bold predictions about the coming year. According to geomancer and philosopher Paul Ng of Richmond Hill, Ont., the Year of the Snake will be a good year for water-oriented businesses, such as fishing, but also a good year for metal and earth industries, such as real estate, except in Scarborough, Mississauga and Vancouver. It will be a bad year for communica-

tions and the Internet, so unload that Apple stock.

(This is a good time to issue the following disclaimer: do not, under any circumstances, make any decisions based on opinions expressed in this column, ever. Remember that it's written by a tiger, not a snake.)

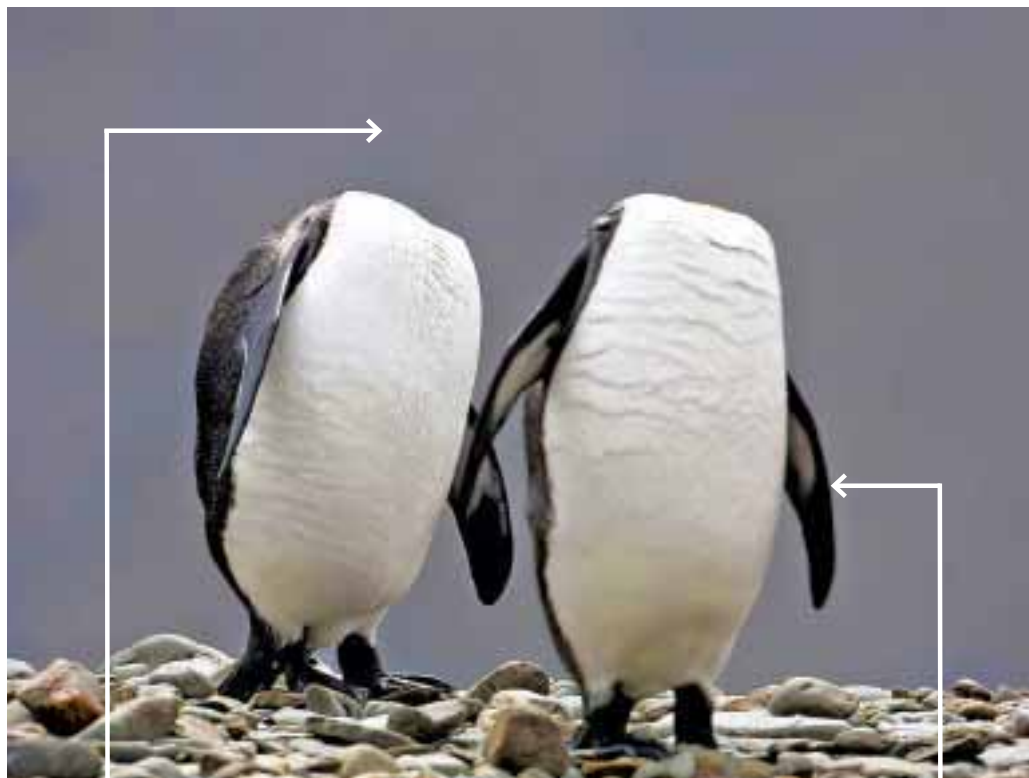
Look, if you're still not ready to make your New Year's resolutions, just give the snake a pass and go to the next new year on the horizon: Nowruz, or New Day, the ancient and durable Persian New Year, which is celebrated on the spring equinox, March 21. Ancient because it goes back to 550 BC and durable because it has survived even the Ayatollahs' attempts to suppress it.

And every year, in every land and for everyone, what's old is new again. Gung Hay Fat Choy, when it comes!

It takes a real snake to make a bold New Year's prediction.

GETTY IMAGES

Heads off to you, Pingu



PAUL GOLDSTEIN/EXODUS/REX FEATURES

Wildlife photography

Not a good time to lose one's head

It appears that penguins can be camera-shy, too.

Wildlife photographer Paul Goldstein took this amusing image of two seemingly headless king penguins at St. Andrews Bay on the British territory of South Georgia. As it turned out, the flightless birds were using their double-jointed necks to bend their heads backward. **METRO**

Photographer's viewpoint



"Initially I was just glad to be able to isolate a couple of these to photograph. It is so difficult normally as there are a quarter of a million others to clutter the background."

Paul Goldstein, photographer and tour guide for travel company Exodus

Never get a head

Keeping composure is tough to do

The London, England-based photographer recalls his encounter with the playful pair.

"One penguin had reverted to normal by the time I got the camera up but then it hid its head again, and its mate did it too," Goldstein said. "I just managed to keep the camera still enough as I was laughing so much — to them it is a perfectly normal manoeuvre, but to me — not so." **METRO**

South Georgia Island

- **Location.** Sits 1,390 kilometres to the east of the Falkland Islands.
- **Population.** Approximately 2.23 million pairs of king penguins, with numbers rising. No human population.
- **Life.** Cold, highly-oxygenated waters promote marine life. Krill, the shrimp-like crustaceans at the base of the food chain, thrive here.



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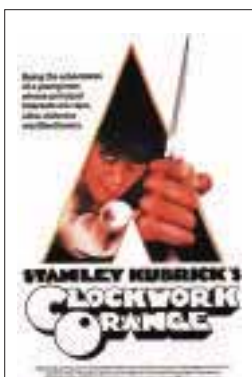
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My work life is a smattering of Teenage Fanclub & leftover xmas candy stashed in a desk drawer next to prenatal vitamins & rolls of pennies.

Cineplex resurrects classic films in high-def

Some films cited as classics can be enjoyed as historical artifacts, more appreciated for their aesthetics and less for their urgent, contemporary effect. But the spate of motion pictures selected to be screened as part of Cineplex's fourth annual The Great Digital Film Festival are rare in that they are indeed landmark movies and play as good today — if not better — than they did in their respective eras. Running at select Cineplex theatres from Feb. 1 to 7, the Great Digital Film Festival programmers are spotlighting sumptuous new high-def prints. Here are a few of Metro's primo picks.

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A Clockwork Orange (1971)

As disturbing and viscerally alive as ever, Kubrick's razor-sharp satire is a must see big-screen experience. Malcolm McDowell is ultraviolence personified, Wendy Carlos' music still chills and the director's trademark dissonance has never been more prominent.

Exclusively online

Cynthia Loyst, a host of InnerSPACE, breaks down genres you don't want to miss at metronews.ca.



Jaws (1975)

The film that sparked the template for the contemporary Hollywood blockbuster, Spielberg's iconic and terrifying chomp on Peter Benchley's killer shark book is a perfect film, from stem to stern (of the Orca, natch).

From the performances (Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw, Richard Dreyfuss) to John Williams' double bass note driven score, JAWS is an epic, genre defying gem.



An American Werewolf in London (1981)

"Stay clear of the moors." A wiser warning never spoken in cinema and it's a shame the heroes of John Landis's maverick comedic shocker don't heed it. Then again, if they did we wouldn't have this visionary blend of humour and horror; part tragedy, part love story and jolted by Rick Baker's Oscar winning prosthetic man-to-wolf transformation sequences that have never, ever been bettered. This writer, for one, cannot wait to hear that blood-curdling howl screaming digitally from the screen.



Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981)

The first and best of the Indiana Jones films, this mega-hit is another rousing, vintage Spielberg adventure classic, one that demands to be seen on a gigantic screen.

Who needs 3D when that monstrous boulder comes crashing through the cave in the films' much copied opening sequence? This one is a generational right of passage. Take the kids.



Casino (1995)

The same creative team behind the much-lauded gangster drama Goodfellas (Scorsese and writer Nicholas Pileggi) re-teamed for this sprawling look at the dark side of mafia-ruled Las Vegas circa the '60s and '70s and though it's been called inferior to its predecessor, a second (or third or fourth) look might change some tunes. Robert DeNiro's best performance bumps up against Joe Pesci's mania, but the real treat is Sharon Stone as a playgirl who malfunctions with Shakespearean aplomb. Amazing pop music score too.

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Bullet to the Head, starring Sylvester Stallone, opens this weekend. HANDOUT

Directors can't resist lure of breathing in Big Easy's ether

New Orleans.

Much maligned and mysterious, the Louisiana backdrop has become a staple for movies looking for that gritty feel



IN
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New Orleans is one of the great cities of the world. The vibrant, balmy beauty of the town gave birth to jazz, zydeco and some of the best food this side of Emeril Lagasse's slow cooker.

It's also the location of many movies, earning the nickname Hollywood South in reference to the many films that have been shot there in recent years.

This weekend the new Sylvester Stallone Y-chromo-

A lesson in geography

"America has only three cities: New York, San Francisco and New Orleans. Everywhere else is Cleveland."

Tennessee Williams
Talking about his love for the Big Easy.

some thriller Bullet to the Head takes place in the gritty underbelly of post-Katrina New Orleans. As they say in NOLA, it lets "the bonne temps roulez" with some spectacular Crescent City scenery, good zydeco party music all washed down with a healthy shot of Bulet Bourbon.

Many recent movies have used the city as a backdrop, including Django Unchained, Looper, Killing Them Softly, Killer Joe and Beasts of the Southern Wild.

Tennessee Williams loved the Big Easy so much he once said, "America has only three cities: New York, San Francisco and New Orleans.

Everywhere else is Cleveland."

Enamored with the place, he set several of his plays there, most famously A Streetcar Named Desire, which contains one of the most famous lines in movie history.

As played by Marlon Brando, Stanley Kowalski's barbaric yell of "Stella!" was voted one of the best movie quotes by the American Film Institute.

Streetcar's director, Elia Kazan, also set Panic in the Streets, the story of a doctor and a policeman who have just two days to find a killer infected with a highly contagious form of bubonic

plague, in 1950s New Orleans.

It's dirty, dangerous, and claustrophobic — the perfect setting for a film noir.

Shot on location in New Orleans, it's as though the freewheeling attitude of the city loosened Kazan up a bit and let him relax.

"I went wild," he said. "It was a carnary atmosphere. In one sequence, for extras we emptied a whorehouse of its girls. That was a jolly day. Living irregularly, I was in heaven."

One movie to take advantage of the city's connection to the occult — NOLA was, after all, the home of Voodoo priestess Marie Laveau — was Angel Heart. Mickey Rourke is Harry Angel, a New York City detective, hired by a mysterious man named Louis Cyphre (Robert De Niro).

The role of Louis Cyphre (say it fast to hear the homophone) was originally offered to Marlon Brando, who turned it down.

Interview

Plenty of Warm Bodies Down Under

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Warm Bodies' Teresa Palmer isn't one to shy away from a challenge. But we found one particularly daunting challenge for the Australian actress: explaining why Aussie pop star Kylie Minogue hasn't caught on in the U.S. like she has around the world.

Random question because you're Australian: Why do you think Kylie Minogue has never really caught on in the States?

That's really interesting. I don't know the ins and outs of what that is. She is so unique in Australia — her sound, her way, her vibrancy, her spirit — and in the U.K., I think she kind of stands alone. In America there are many artists trying to do her similar thing. Like, in Australia she's the big fish in the small pond, and then you come out to America and there's so many more millions and millions of people and just way more competition.

Would you say it's similar as an actress coming from Australia to the States?

It's almost more competitive in Australia because there are far fewer projects and many, many, many talented actors all vying for these rolls. We maybe only make 10 movies a year — and five of them are decent. It's quite sad, so when we run out of roles in Australia, we flock over (to) the United States, but luckily for us Aussies we've had amazing Aussie actors come before and sort of pave the way, like Naomi Watts and Nicole Kidman.

How do you think you'd fare in a zombie apocalypse? And how often has this question come up?

I'm not going to lie, it's come up a lot. But it's a good question. I think I would be good. I've had all the training, I know how to shoot a shotgun. I've got my weapons training down pat. I can channel my inner Number Six from "I am Number Four," she's a little warrior. And I also am very fit. I work out a lot. So I would use those skills to figure out how to combat the zombies in the apocalypse. I think it would be fun.



Teresa Palmer, left, is grateful to the Aussie actors who came to Hollywood before her. HANDOUT

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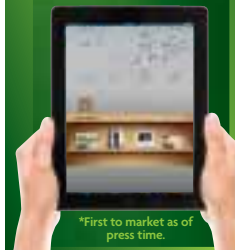
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Bradley Cooper back pedals on Armstrong movie

Despite telling BBC News earlier this month that he'd be up for starring in a J.J. Abrams-produced biopic on disgraced cyclist Lance Armstrong, Oscar-nominee Bradley Cooper insists he's not interested.

"Oh my God, that's so nuts," Cooper tells Access Hollywood, adding that he "had no idea what (the interviewer) was talking about" during the red carpet chat.

Dazed and confused

"(I) had no idea what (the interviewer) was talking about."

Bradley Cooper
Talking about being confused over a question on the Lance Armstrong movie

"I didn't even know that J.J. ... has the rights. I had no idea."



Victoria Beckham

Victoria Beckham admits to being a control freak

Victoria Beckham is enjoying success in the fashion world, but she still feels like she has to prove herself.

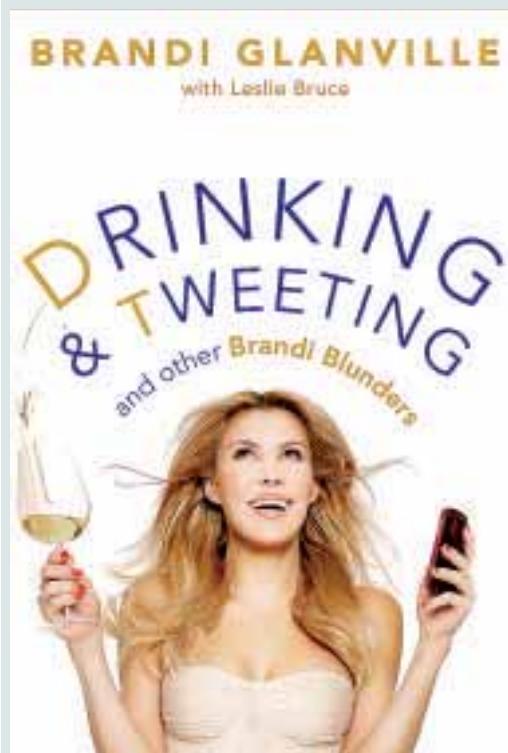
"I don't have to work, I need to work. All these (other fashion designers), they've not just been given anything. They've worked

hard. And I've never been given anything either," she tells Elle U.K. "You've got to trust people. And because I am a control freak, sometimes that's difficult for me, because I want to micro-manage absolutely everything. I can't hand over."

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The Word



Stay classy Brandi Glanville



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Holy cats, you guys. Brandi Glanville is insane. How do we know this (besides reading every tabloid story ever)? Let me present to you some excerpts from the The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills star's new book, *Drinking & Tweeting and other Brandi Blunders*, which were obtained by Life & Style.

Her reaction after finding out about her then-husband, Edward Cibrán's, affair with LeAnn Rimes: "I'm not entirely sure how I ended up on the floor of my closet sobbing ... a teary-eyed Eddie found me lying there minutes later, and without saying so much as a word, he started kissing me all over ... he pulled off my workout pants and we started having sex right there," she recalls. "He swore up and down my body that it wasn't true

Quoted

"I'm not entirely sure how I ended up on the floor of my closet sobbing."

Brandi Glanville

... that it was completely innocent. In that moment, it was easier to believe him, because I just couldn't stand the thought of being without him."

How she would go about her revenge:

"A brand-new vagina would be an Eddie-free vagina. ... I decided that since Eddie had ruined my vagina for me, he could pay for a new one. I gave (the doctor's office) Eddie's credit card number," she says about undergoing a vaginal rejuvenation for \$12,000.

But, really, no hard feelings:

"I would like to thank my ex-husband, Edward Cibrán, for giving me all the material I could ever need to write this book and for helping me discover the strong, independent woman inside of me," she writes, in *Drinking & Tweeting*, which will surely be a New York Times bestseller.



Channing Tatum

Tatum taking a glass-half-full approach to parenthood

Channing Tatum is terrified of his impending parenthood, but in a good way.

"I mean, I don't think there's one thing that doesn't terrify you, but in the most unbelievably beautiful way," the 32-year-old Magic Mike star tells E! News.

"Someone said it's really like watching your heart jump out of your body and run around, and I think that can possibly be the coolest thing that I've heard of."

As for how wife Jenna Dewan-Tatum is handling pregnancy?

"I mean, women just sort of turn into, like, animals in this sort of stage

Daddy-to-be

"I don't think there's one thing that doesn't terrify you, but in the most unbelievably beautiful way."

Channing Tatum
On the impending birth of his first child

that they're in," he says. "She's a complete animal right now. You can ask her, but in the most beautiful, like, humanistic animal way. You know, she works out all of the time, eats right, impeccably right. She's just a machine."

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Come on, Boy Scouts, do the right thing. Diversity should be honored and valued. There should be a merit badge for it.



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"Sasquatch" is one of my favorite words, so the TV show "Finding Bigfoot"—big LOLs. Lines like "a squatchy area", "goin' squatchin'" ...!



@ElizabethHurley

Not easy house training a spaniel puppy.....



@TheEllenShow

I had a great birthday, and now the house is finally back in order. I just need to figure out how to get @Jimmy-Kimmel out of my bathtub.

It's expensive to be a tourist in a town that's hosting two of the biggest events of the new year — Mardi Gras and the NFL Super Bowl — but New Orleans has plenty of free things to do. The nearly 300-year-old French city has walkable neighbourhoods and scenic public parks dotted with centuries-old oak trees draped in Spanish moss, along with a free ferry and historic market.

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Mardi Gras and Bourbon Street

New Orleans is perhaps best-known for hosting one of the biggest free parties in the world: Mardi Gras. The Carnival season includes parades with costumed riders, marching bands and decorated floats, but it only lasts a few weeks. Visitors can get a taste of the madness and revelry of Carnival any time of year on Bourbon Street, the city's most famous thoroughfare, where scantily-clad women beckon patrons from strip club doorways and beads are flung from balconies to revellers down below year-round. It's also a hot spot for live music, which spills out onto the street from clubs with doors and windows flung open. And finally, Bourbon Street is a the one place where a costume can be flaunted any time of year.

City Park

City Park is the largest green space in New Orleans, with more than 1,300 acres of gardens, lagoons and walking trails set amid centuries-old oak trees draped in Spanish moss and filled with birds. The New Orleans Museum of Art is located in the park, and while there's a fee to enter the museum, just beyond the museum are dozens of art objects you can see for free in the Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden. The sculptures, valued at more than \$25 million, can be viewed in a relaxing setting that includes meandering footpaths, pedestrian bridges and reflecting lagoons. Among the artists represented are Antoine Bourdelle, Gaston Lachaise, Henry Moore, Jacques Lipchitz, Barbara Hepworth and Seymour Chwast. neworleanscitypark.com.

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Free things to do in New Orleans

Mississippi River Ferry

A boat ride is one of the best ways to get a look at the New Orleans skyline and the Mississippi River's daily parade of river barges, steamships and cruise ships. The Algiers Point ferry, which has been in operation since the early 1800s, is free to pedestrians. It runs every 30 minutes between the landing at the foot of Canal Street near the Aquarium of the Americas and the historic Algiers Point neighbourhood directly across the river from the French Quarter. Algiers Point, established in 1719, boasts a trove of historic Victorian-style homes, magnolia tree-lined streets with several parks, cafés, historic churches and bars with live music. But perhaps its best feature is an unobstructed view of the city's skyline and river traffic.



Jackson Square

Artists painting on canvas, clowns making balloon animals, street performers and jazz musicians are among the free entertainment to be found in Jackson Square, a one-block section of the French Quarter anchored by a lush green space with benches set amid gardens and grand oak trees. The square is bordered by pedestrian-only walkways with restaurants, storefronts and upper-level balconies boasting decorative ironwork. Benches allow visitors to take in the architecture of the square's historic buildings, including the Cabildo and Pontalba Apartments, believed to be among the oldest apartment buildings in the country. Visitors are also welcome at St. Louis Cathedral, a place of worship for Catholics since the 1720s. jackson-square.com

French Market

The smell of sweet pralines and freshly-brewed coffee wafts through the air of the New Orleans French Market. The centuries-old commercial hub stretches for several city blocks along the banks of the Mississippi River in the French Quarter and includes Cafe du Monde, home of the deep-fried, sugar-coated beignet, a popular New Orleans pastry. The market is a mix of open-air retail spaces dotted with produce stands and enclosed stores carrying specialty clothing and jewelry. It's an ideal destination for window shopping and people watching. The French Market dates to 1791 and was originally the site of a Native American trading post. European immigrants traded there, as did African-Americans selling coffee, pralines and calas.



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Mardi Gras brings baby dolls back

Century-old tradition.
Fat Tuesday's
garter-clad women
get their own exhibit

The "baby dolls," an on-again, off-again Mardi Gras tradition of New Orleans' African-American community, are on again.

The troupes of women strutting and prancing in bonnets, garters and skimpy or short, ruffled dresses on Fat Tuesday also are being spotlighted in a new book and museum exhibit that trace their history and modern rebirth.

When the predominantly African-American Zulu krewes hits the streets on Fat Tuesday — Feb. 12 — its marchers will include the Baby Doll Ladies, a troupe formed after hurricane Katrina. They play tambourines and cowbells to accompany their dance, a hip-hop style called bounce.

Though Mardi Gras celebrations date from the city's French founding in 1718, historians say the baby doll tradition started in 1912 when African American prostitutes who worked just outside the legal red-light district, called Storyville, dressed up on Mardi Gras to outdo their legal rivals.

Storyville was closed in 1917, but the baby doll costumes caught on and survived for decades in African-American neighbourhoods.

In the years of segregation, blacks celebrated Carnival in their neighbourhoods with informal parades of the brightly feathered and beaded Mardi Gras Indians, picnics and parties centred around the floats of the Zulu parade and costume traditions such as the baby dolls.

The end of segregation in the 1950s and '60s — and new economic opportunities — brought new avenues for African-Americans to participate in Mardi Gras. Debutante presentations at gala

balls and more traditional float parades sprung up. And the revival of Lundi Gras celebrations the day before Mardi Gras brought together the monarch of the predominantly white Rex krewes to meet with the king of Zulu to toast the coming festival.

As times changed, the baby doll tradition faded.

But not everyone forgot the dolls, or what they meant to Carnival in New Orleans.

One new group — the 504 Eloquent Baby Dolls of New Orleans, named in part for a telephone area code — will march with a tribe of Mardi Gras Indians and the Skull and Bones club, maskers clad as skeletons in another revived black tradition.

"I've got a wonderful group of women who want to educate our youth, who want to bring our culture back to the streets of New Orleans," said Denise Trepagnier, a heavy crane operator and part-time seamstress who organized the group.

Around New Orleans



The baby doll tradition began in 1912 when African American, illegal prostitutes would dress up to outdo their legal rivals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

neighbourhoods, you might catch a glimpse of other baby doll troupes with names like the Gold Digger Baby Dolls, the Treme Million Dollar Baby Dolls and the Ernie K-Doe Baby Dolls.

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504 Eloquent Baby Dolls organizer Denise Trepagnier

Travel tips

Don't fail your fitness routine



ON THE MOVE
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If you are a road warrior anxious to keep the pounds off and the heart rate up, here are some tips to help you stay fit on your next trip. Don't underestimate the effect jetlag can have on energy and motivation levels. Avoid it by drinking lots of water and

staying away from alcohol and caffeine before, during and just after a flight. Adjust eating and sleeping schedules to your local destination time immediately. Check in to a hotel with a proper fitness facility. The fully out-fitted health club you imagine, with dozens of treadmills, pilates classes and a gorgeous personal trainer could turn out to be a solitary rowing machine tucked into an old photocopy room. Nothing is more unmotivating than a lack of good equipment. When making your room reservation, ask the agent to describe exactly what the gym has to offer.

Go a step further and choose a hotel that promotes fitness. The Westin hotel chain has a running concierge program where one of the staff will take you on an early morning jog in the local area. They will even lend you New Balance running and work out gear if yours was forgotten at home. Sign up when you check-in. A written commitment will make it harder for you to hit the snooze button.

Hit a local gym. If you just can't find accommodation that suits both your business and health needs, then look outside the hotel. Just ask your concierge for a recommenda-

tion for a nearby gym or club that offers a day pass.

Stay near a park, along a river or next to a lake. These natural running routes are a great way to combine fitness with a little sightseeing. On business trips to London, I always stay at the Park Lane Hotel. Situated next to Hyde Park, it allows me to squeeze in a half-hour run and catch a glimpse of some of London's most famous landmarks at the same time.

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Behold the land of frozen pines and fresh powder

Ski escapes. These five spots offer something for families, weekend warriors and the true powder hounds

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Pick your own peak at Kicking Horse. SUPPLIED BY JANE MARSHALL

Air scented with the resin of frozen pines, the feeling of carving your skis into a fast groomer and alpine vistas where saw-back peaks break the horizon. The mountains are calling...

Family-friendly skiing at Marmot Basin in Jasper
“The terrain (at Marmot) is probably the most balanced in western Canada, with 30 per cent green, 30 per cent blue, 20 per cent black and 20 per cent double black terrain,” says Jeff Bartlett, Media and PR specialist for Tourism Jasper.

Marmot has a base and mid-mountain lodge, so if kids get

cold it's never far to hot chocolate. It also offers nursery care for little ones 19 months and up, and lessons for children and adults. The overall feeling: cozy and comfortable with wild powder to be had.

Doing the Dive at Sunshine Village in Banff
Sunshine Village offers so much varied terrain that adrenaline begins to pump at the sight of an area map. And for experts, Sunshine holds a special delight: Delirium Dive. This off-piste area accessed from Lookout Mountain features more than 2,000 feet of vertical, a 40 degree average pitch and more than 600 acres of terrain. Skiers are required to carry beacons, probes and shovels and hike in groups of two or more. Check in with patrols at an access gate off the Continental Divide chair. Then it's a hike along a skinny ridge to drop into powdery heaven.

Luxurious Lake Louise in Lake Louise
The iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise offers a dose of

luxury to the ski experience. Think fine china, exquisite old-world charm and expansive views of the icy lake. The chateau sits on the edge of a lake that has captivated travellers for over a century.

For true luxury, eat a meal at the elegant Fairview Dining Room. Feast on local cuisine while taking in one of the world's best views.

Picking Peaks at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort in Golden, B.C.

Throwing our skis over a shoulder, my husband Mike and I followed one of the resort's senior patrollers, Steve Crowe, to explore some in-bounds ridges.

“There's an amazing world that unfolds,” says Matt Mosteller, VP of Marketing and Sales for Resorts of the Canadian Rockies. “For those looking to explore less accessible terrain, I recommend checking in with the patrols. They share a love of the mountains and can point people in the right direction.”

Four hikes took us to the quiet cove of Bowl Over and

to the peaks of Terminator, Blue Heaven (Whitewall), and Terminator 2. Views of the quartzite Purcells pop up like canines, the Bugaboos appear on the far horizon as blue bulges and the Rocky Mountains show off their steep, varied girth. This is double-black diamond terrain.

Local Style at Castle Mountain near Pincher Creek, Alta.

Quiet, big, steep mountains. Castle Mountain is a locals' haven. With hand-me-down chairlifts from Sunshine Village, an on-mountain hostel and \$67 (adult) lift tickets, Castle is an affordable place to rip.

The Castle Mountain Ski Lodge and Hostel offers dorm rooms (\$27 per person plus tax) as well as hotel rooms. This quaint spot is a short walk to the day lodge. This is where the prairie country meets the big mountains, an oft-forgotten spot that speaks of times past — both in terms of its lifts and its prices. Bring a pot of chili for the communal kitchen and go local for the weekend.

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Dried Apricot and Cherry Salsa makes perfect sidekick for turkey



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Most supermarkets now sell boneless turkey breast, which is leaner than chicken. A 3 1/2-ounce serving of chicken

Ingredients

- 4 turkey scaloppini
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- Salsa**
- 1/4 cup chopped dried apricots
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/3 cup diced green onions, white part only
- 1 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 3 tbsp apricot jam
- 1 tbsp pure maple syrup
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp apple cider vinegar or freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Garnish**
- 3 tbsp chopped cilantro or parsley

has about 140 calories and 3 grams of fat, while the same amount of turkey breast has 120 calories and 1 gram of fat!

If you can't find these cutlets, ask your grocer to slice boneless breast into scaloppini. Dusting it with flour keeps the turkey moist and dried fruit salsa is an ideal accompaniment.

Serve the scaloppini over Sweet Potato Mash, with grilled vegetables alongside.

1. Dust the turkey with flour. Spray a non-stick grill pan or skillet with cooking oil, add the vegetable oil and heat to medium. Sauté the turkey just until browned on both sides and no longer pink, about 8 minutes in total. Remove from the heat and keep covered.

2. To make the salsa, combine the apricots, cranberries, bell pepper, green onion, garlic, cilantro, jam, maple syrup, mustard and lemon juice.

3. Spoon the salsa over the turkey and garnish with cilantro or parsley. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

Turkey Scaloppini with Apricot and Dried Cherry Salsa



This recipe serves four. BRIAN MACDONALD, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Drink of the Week

Frostbite

A mix of tequila, crème de cacao and blue curacao shaken with milk and garnished with maraschino cherries, this is the type of frostbite you'll want to get.

- 1 oz Jose Cuervo Silver Tequila
- .5 oz White Crème de Cacao
- .5 oz Blue Curacao
- 1 oz milk
- Garnish with cherries

Shake all ingredients with ice in shaker. Strain contents over fresh ice. Garnish with 2 cherries on a sword. Add a cocktail straw and serve.

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Turkey Meatball Grinders: soy residue never tasted so good



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mmmm. Nothing says good eats like soy residue.

Except that in Chinese cooking, it really can. And you very likely have enjoyed that soy residue with hoisin, a classic ingredient for sauces.

Hoisin is a thick, dark red-to-brown sauce that blends sweet-spicy-savoury flavours, a profile not all that different from ketchup.

It is made from the leftover mash of fermented soy beans produced when making traditional soy sauces.

That mash is combined with sugar, chilies, garlic, vinegar, salt, sometimes five-spice powder and either flour or cornstarch (to thicken).

1. Heat oven to 425 F. Coat baking sheet with cooking spray.

2. In bowl, combine egg, cilantro, scallions, garlic, ginger, lime zest, hoisin and 1/2 tablespoon salt. Mix well. Add turkey, then knead well with your hands until evenly mixed. Add the breadcrumbs and mix again. Form mix into 20 balls.

3. In skillet over medium-high, melt 2 tablespoons of butter. Add half of the meatballs and brown on all sides, 5 mins. Transfer to the prepared baking

sheet, then repeat with the remaining butter and meatballs.

4. Bake the meatballs for 7 to 8 minutes, or until cooked through and a thermometer inserted at the centre of a meatball reads 165 F.

5. Meanwhile, in a small bowl mix the tomatoes, Crème fraîche, hot sauce and 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Spread a quarter of the mixture down the centre of each sub roll. When the meatballs are done, arrange 5 in each roll. Serve immediately.

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Ingredients

- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 scallions, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp grated fresh ginger
- Zest of 1 lime
- 1/4 cup hoisin
- Salt
- 1 1/3 lbs ground turkey
- 3/4 cup panko (Japanese-style) breadcrumbs
- 4 tbsp butter, divided
- 2 plum tomatoes, diced
- 1/2 cup crème fraîche
- 1 tsp hot sauce
- Four 6-inch sub rolls

Lunch. Smoky Turkey Burgers with Manchego



1. Heat a grill to medium. Oil the grates, or coat them with cooking spray. You can also use an indoor grill.

2. In a large bowl, whisk together the egg, garlic powder, mustard powder, paprika, black pepper and salt. Set aside.

3. In a food processor, combine the turkey and prosciutto. Pulse until the meat is well chopped but still chunky, about 10 seconds total. Scrape the sides of the bowl and pulse again if any large pieces remain unchopped.

4. Transfer the meat to the bowl with the egg mixture, then mix well. Form the meat into 4 loose patties. They will be moist and not hold together well.

5. Use a spatula to carefully

place the burgers on the grill and cook, covered, for 4 to 5 minutes. Flip the burgers — they should be firm enough to move easily now — and cook for another 4 to 5 minutes, or until they read 165 F at the centre. If using an indoor grill, grill each side for about 6 minutes. Top each burger with a quarter of the cheese, then serve on a bun. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ingredients

- 1 large egg
- 1/2 tsp each garlic powder, mustard powder, smoked paprika, ground black pepper
- Pinch kosher salt
- 1 1/4 lbs turkey tenderloin, cut into large chunks
- 2 oz prosciutto
- 4 hamburger buns
- 4 oz manchego cheese

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Dig deep and ask yourself: is this the right career for you?

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You can certainly work for the head office of a mining company without leaving the confines of big cities like Toronto, Vancouver and Calgary. But if Bay Street isn't your style, a mining career could be your ticket to ad-

venture in remote, rugged locations both in Canada and abroad.

For example, Canadian mining company Teck Resources has mine sites from the Red Dog zinc-lead mine in northwestern Alaska, to

the Quebrada Blanca mine in northern Chile. Goldcorp's largest operation is their Red Lake site in northern Ontario, but their operations also span to multiple sites in Mexico, if you prefer sun over snowshoes.

As you may suspect, mining companies often hire young professionals with backgrounds in engineering and geology, but those are not the only opportunities to make a career in the industry.

Long before mines are producing tons of precious metals per day, there are thousands of workers required to create the budgets, do the legal legwork and bring the mine into production.

Often, mining companies will hire surveyors, engineers and geologists for a few years to support the design and build of a mine, and then they'll move on to a different project.

These lucky folks get to travel around the world and spend a few years in Australia before moving onto their next project in Panama. When the mine is actually operational, all sorts of support staff to keep the mine operations running smoothly — health and safety experts, information technology professionals, and skilled trades, to name a few.

So, even if you're looking to launch a career in human resources, for example, there are opportunities for you in the mining industry.

Working in remote locations and new countries may present challenges that working in a cubicle may not (like being a few hundred kilometres from the nearest Starbucks), it also provides the opportunity to be exposed to new cultures while gaining experience in an exciting and innovative industry.

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When I finished high school last summer, I was planning to go to post-secondary school the next winter and I thought everything would be fine.

My plan for the summer was to spend as much time with my friends as possible, because they were going off to university in the fall and I also was searching for a job. When September came around and all my friends headed off to university, it was lonely, but I needed to continue with my job search.

Due to my indecisiveness, I chose not to pursue the program I registered for and opted for taking a year off to work. So I started up my job search again. I sat down at the computer and just Googled all the stores and companies I could think of and just sent them my resumé.

I got two interviews, one I thought went pretty well and the other, not so much. I've gotten emails back saying they'll look at my profile/resumé and they'll be in touch, but no one got in touch.

After a while, I felt like no one had seen my resumé or even cared to look because I didn't have much experience.

Well, how can I gain experience if no one would give me a chance? But I kept looking and I'm still looking. I'm not sure if it's my resumé or my interview skills (even though I've only been in two my whole life) but, who knows. Practice makes perfect.

Calm equals confidence

"Making someone else feel comfortable as well will make the whole interview process a lot easier, I believe."

Rainee Nelson

What I'm doing now

Right now I'm still currently looking for a job and I'm considering doing some internship work. Maybe that could add to my experience.

My recommendations for employers, career centres and schools

I haven't had enough experience to give a recommendation, but from the last interview I had I would say to the employers: make the interviewee as comfortable as possible. How are you going to get to know someone and see if they are up for the job if you can see them fumbling over their words, constantly moving around and downright being a nervous wreck? Making someone else feel comfortable as well will make the whole interview process a lot easier, I believe.

My advice for other students and recent graduates

My advice would be don't leave it to the last minute. Do your research, have someone look over your resumé and just go for it. If you truly want something, take risks and see what happens. Don't be lazy or procrastinate or you'll end up in the same position as I am.

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Rainee Nelson isn't giving up on her job search. PROVIDED

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MLB

A-Rod says latest PED accusations 'not true'

Alex Rodriguez denied a newspaper report that accused him of buying human growth hormone and other performance-enhancing substances from a Miami-area clinic.

The Miami New Times, an alternative weekly, reported Tuesday it had obtained records detailing purchases by Rodriguez and Toronto outfielder Melky Cabrera, among other baseball players, from a clinic run by Anthony Bosch.

Rodriguez admitted four years ago that he used PEDs from 2001 to 2003.

"The news report about a purported relationship between Alex Rodriguez and Anthony Bosch are not true," Rodriguez said in a statement issued by a publicist. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

X-Games

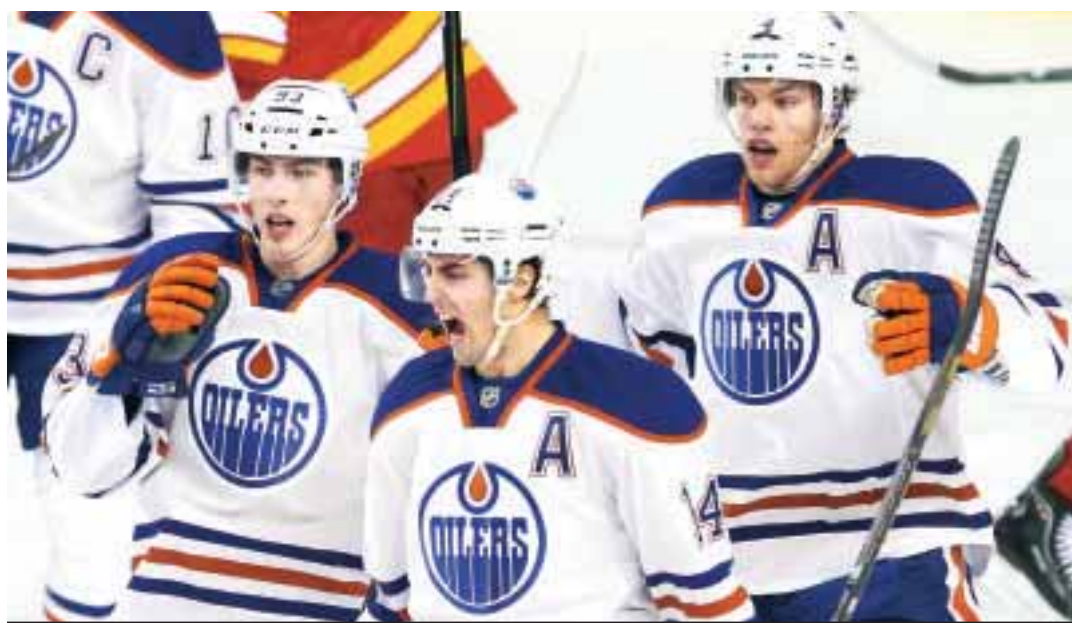
Family doubtful of snowmobiler's survival after crash

Snowmobiler Caleb Moore was in critical condition Tuesday in a Colorado hospital after a dramatic crash at the X-Games.

Moore was performing a flip Thursday when he clipped the top of a jump and went over the handlebars and landed face first into the snow. The snowmobile rolled over him, but he walked off with help and went to a hospital with a concussion. Moore later developed bleeding around his heart.

"Caleb is not doing good at all," Caleb's grandfather Charles Moore told The Denver Post. "The prognosis is not good at all. It's almost certain he's not going to make it."

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Oilers, from left, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Jordan Eberle and Taylor Hall celebrate a goal against the Flames on Saturday in Calgary. MIKE RIDEWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

Oilers not worried about uneven offence

NHL. Young club finding early scoring success on power play, not so much at even strength

Quoted

"We do feel like we're creating a lot of chances and getting a lot of shots ... it's just not going in for us five-on-five."

Oilers forward Taylor Hall

Scoring goals has not been a problem for the young Edmonton Oilers so far in this abbreviated season.

How they're scoring, however, is a bit of an issue.

With the likes of Regina's Jordan Eberle, Taylor Hall, Sam Gagner, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Ales Hemsky and No. 1 draft pick Nail Yakupov, it was safe to expect that the Oilers would have an impressive offence.

So far that has proven to be true. The Oilers have scored 15 goals in five games, and with three wins sit atop the North-

west Division.

The problem is, only three of those goals have been scored five-on-five. On Monday night all four of their goals in a 4-1 win over Colorado came on the power play.

Only one of Edmonton's three even-strength goals has had any impact on a game's outcome. Yakupov scored with five seconds left in the third period against Los Angeles last Thursday to force overtime, where the Oilers won with a power-play goal.

Their other five-on-five goals were scored by Hall, late in a 6-3 loss to San Jose, and by Gagner, with two seconds left in a 4-3 loss in Calgary.

"The power play has been awesome, creating a lot of goals," Eberle said prior to the team heading out on a three-game road trip that will see them play Wednesday in Phoenix, Thursday in San Jose and Saturday in Colorado. "When you're struggling five-on-five it's great to have that. The five-on-five goals will come, but in

the meantime if we're scoring (power-play goals) and we're winning games you don't have to worry about it."

That's certainly the attitude of the players: Why worry about even-strength goals when they're scoring enough on the power play to win three of five games?

"If we were losing games it would be an issue, but right now we're winning games with the power play and keeping the puck out of our net," said Eberle, who has all three of his goals on the power play.

The Oilers have been using their speed to force opponents to take penalties. Edmonton has had 28 power-play opportunities and are scoring at a 36-per-cent rate with the man advantage, second only to San Jose. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Subban deal gets chilly response from Habs

It wasn't exactly smiles and high fives in the Montreal Canadiens dressing room on Tuesday with the news that P.K. Subban's contract dispute had finally ended.

In fact, the mood was surprisingly chilly from a team that started the shortened NHL season 3-1-0 without their top defenceman from last season.

Subban signed a two-year \$5.75 million US contract Monday night and will rejoin the club Wednesday in Ottawa.

Veteran rearguard Andrei Markov refused to talk about it, saying, "He's not in the room yet, so let's talk about it when he's going to be in the room."

Quoted

"I've never had to deal with a holdout situation, a guy coming in late, so we'll take it in stride."

Habs defenceman Josh Gorges on P.K. Subban

And Josh Gorges, Subban's regular defence partner, steered around questions.

"To be honest, I'm glad that we don't have to talk about it any more," said Gorges. "It's a non-issue now and we can focus on getting ready to play the games without anything else to think about."

Asked if he was glad to have Subban back, Gorges said: "It's good that it's over and done with and it's settled. We don't have to have these talks in the morning of what-if-this and what-if-that."

Often, when a player signs a contract, there are a flood of congratulatory tweets, but this time there were only a couple from players who were not on the Canadiens last season.

After inking his deal, the 23-year-old Subban said he couldn't wait to "reintegrate" with the team.

But it appears he has some work to do with his teammates.

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P.K. Subban takes a breather during a skate at the Mastercard Centre for Hockey Excellence in Toronto on Jan. 9. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



San Francisco 49ers defensive tackle Will Tukuafu flexes his muscles with reporter Karim Mendiburu during media day for Super Bowl XLVII Tuesday in New Orleans. The San Francisco 49ers will take on the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A shot of 49ers QB Colin Kaepernick's tattoos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL

Desjardins to take over GM duties in Ottawa: Source

Marcel Desjardins is getting a second shot at being a CFL general manager.

A CFL source requesting anonymity said Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group will name Desjardins the new GM of the city's CFL expansion franchise.

The announcement will be made on Wednesday at a news conference.

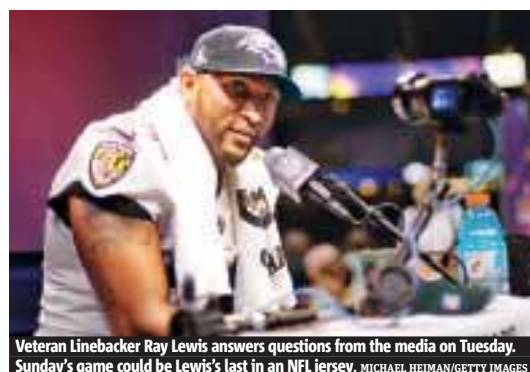
Desjardins, a native of Burlington, Ont., has spent the past four seasons as the Montreal Alouettes assistant general manager. He was the GM of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in 2007 before returning to Montreal.

Overall, Desjardins has spent nine seasons as the assistant to Alouettes general manager Jim Popp.

The hiring of Desjardins in Ottawa is hardly a surprise, as he's been mentioned as a leading candidate for the GM post for roughly the past eight months.

It's the second significant blow this off-season to the Alouettes football operations department. Earlier this month, head coach Marc Trestman left Montreal to become head coach of the NFL's Chicago Bears.

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Veteran Linebacker Ray Lewis answers questions from the media on Tuesday. Sunday's game could be Lewis's last in an NFL jersey. MICHAEL HEIMAN/GETTY IMAGES

Scotties. Ontario skip to have home-ice advantage versus defending champ

There will be rising stars, familiar faces and veteran curlers in the field at next month's Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Several top rinks recently qualified for the 12-team competition at Kingston's K-Rock Centre. Alberta's Heather Nedohin is back to defend her title and she'll be challenged by Manitoba's Jennifer Jones, B.C.'s Kelly Scott, Mary-Anne Arsenault of Nova Scotia and Suzanne Birt of Prince Edward Island.

Ontario's Rachel Homan has enjoyed a successful season and will get a boost from the home crowd at the Feb. 16-24 event. The Ottawa skip, who won the national junior title in 2010, will be making her second Scotties appearance.

The Northwest Territories/Yukon entry will be led by Kerry Galusha, who will be

Added pressure

"I know what it's like to play against Team Canada — everybody raises their game ... but that also raises our game."

Alberta's Heather Nedohin on the additional pressure that comes with wearing the Maple Leaf jersey as the Team Canada entry



Alberta skip Heather Nedohin calls a shot during a gold medal draw at the 2012 Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Red Deer, Alta. Nedohin will get the chance to defend her title on Feb. 16.

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competing in her 11th Canadian championship. Kristie Moore will skip the Alberta rink and Allison Ross will guide the Quebec side.

Saskatchewan's Jill Shumay and Newfoundland and Labrador's Stacie Devereaux are also in the field. New Brunswick's entry will be confirmed Sunday.

Shumay is making her tournament debut while Ross and Moore are skipping at the Scotties for the first time.

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Veteran receivers will have second shot at title ring

Super Bowl media day. Niners' Moss and Ravens' Boldin both trying to put tough championship losses behind them

Randy Moss used to be a star. Now, he's just an afterthought with the San Francisco 49ers.

It's a role he's still struggling to accept.

Moss spent much of his career as one of the NFL's top receivers. During Super Bowl media day on Tuesday, he called himself "the greatest receiver ever to do it." That's a claim sure to be debated in NFL circles.

One thing is certain: the 35-year-old Moss is no longer an elite receiver. This season with the 49ers he caught just 28 passes for 434 yards and three touchdowns.

While Moss says he "doesn't understand" being a blocker and a decoy, he's willing to accept his new status if that's what it takes to win his first Super Bowl.

On the other side of the field will be Anquan Boldin, who wants to be known as more than simply a tough receiver.

The 32-year-old, a key player in Baltimore's charge to the Super Bowl, isn't afraid to cut across the field. He can shrug off a hard hit, and also is an aggressive downfield blocker.

Asked Tuesday if he appreciates his reputation as one of the toughest receivers in the league, Boldin replied, "I look at it as, I'm a football player. Not so much a receiver."

Oh, but the man can catch the ball. He's scored three touchdowns in three playoff games, and now he's hoping for a Super Bowl ring after coming up short in 2008 with Arizona.



Randy Moss told media on Tuesday that he is the "greatest receiver ever" to play in the NFL.

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Moss also came up short just a year earlier after the 2007 season, when the New England Patriots lost to the New York Giants after an undefeated season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
New Jersey	5	3	0	2	12	9
NY Islanders	6	3	2	1	22	19
NY Rangers	6	3	3	0	16	17
Pittsburgh	6	3	3	0	16	18
Philadelphia	7	2	5	0	14	20

NORTHEAST DIVISION

GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	6	5	0	1	19	12
Ottawa	6	4	1	1	19	12
Montreal	5	4	1	0	17	10
Toronto	6	3	3	0	18	20
Buffalo	6	2	3	1	16	19

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Tampa Bay	6	5	1	0	29	15
Winnipeg	6	3	2	1	18	7
Carolina	5	2	3	0	14	8
Washington	6	1	4	1	13	22
Florida	6	1	5	0	20	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	6	6	0	0	22	13
St. Louis	6	5	1	0	24	13
Detroit	6	3	2	1	15	17
Nashville	6	1	2	3	10	7
Columbus	7	2	4	1	13	22

NORTHWEST DIVISION

GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Minnesota	6	3	2	1	16	17
Edmonton	5	3	2	0	15	14
Vancouver	6	2	2	2	16	19
Colorado	5	2	3	0	10	13
Calgary	4	1	2	1	11	15

PACIFIC DIVISION

GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	5	5	0	0	23	8
Anaheim	4	3	1	0	15	14
Los Angeles	5	2	2	1	11	14
Dallas	7	2	4	1	13	18
Phoenix	6	2	4	0	21	20

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Tuesday's results

Boston 2 New Jersey 1 (SO)
NY Rangers 2 Philadelphia 1
Toronto 4 Buffalo 3 (OT)
Montreal 4 Winnipeg 3
Ottawa 3 Washington 2
Detroit 4 Dallas 1
NY Islanders 4 Pittsburgh 1
Tampa Bay 5 Florida 2
Minnesota 3 Columbus 2
Anaheim at San Jose

Monday's results

Boston 5 Carolina 3
Columbus 2 Dallas 1
Phoenix 4 Nashville 0
Edmonton 4 Colorado 1
Los Angeles 3 Vancouver 2 (SO)
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Thursday's games

Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Edmonton at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

NHL SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Marleau, SJ	9	4	13
Thornton, SJ	3	10	13
St. Louis, TBL	3	8	11
Stamkos, TBL	3	7	10
Pavelski, SJ	2	8	10
Parise, Min	5	4	9
Vanecek, Buf	3	6	9
Kane, Chi	2	7	9
Gaborik, NYR	5	3	8
Hossa, Chi	5	3	8
Tarasenko, STL	4	4	8
Pominville, BUF	3	5	8
Couture, SJ	3	5	8
Shattenkirk, STL	0	8	8
Conacher, TBL	2	5	7
Hall, Edm	1	6	7
Purcell, TBL	1	6	7
Tavares, NYI	1	6	7
Pietrangolo, STL	1	6	7
Winnik, Ana	5	1	6
Heatley, Min	4	2	6
Staal, Car	4	2	6
Kane, Win	3	3	6
Toews, Chi	3	3	6
Byfuglien, Win	3	3	6

Note: last night's games

NFL

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Sunday, Feb. 3 At New Orleans, La.
Baltimore vs. San Francisco, 6 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	28	13	.683	—
New York	27	15	.643	2 1/2
Chicago	27	17	.614	2 1/2
Brooklyn	27	18	.600	3
Indiana	26	19	.578	4
Atlanta	25	19	.568	4 1/2
Milwaukee	24	19	.558	5
Boston	21	23	.477	8 1/2
Philadelphia	18	26	.409	11 1/2
Detroit	17	28	.378	13
Toronto	16	29	.356	14
Orlando	14	30	.318	15 1/2
Cleveland	13	33	.283	17 1/2
Washington	11	32	.256	18
Charlotte	11	33	.250	18 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	36	11	.766	—
Oklahoma City	34	11	.756	1
L.A. Clippers	33	13	.717	2 1/2
Memphis	29	15	.659	5 1/2
Golden State	28	17	.622	7
Denver	28	18	.609	7 1/2
Utah	24	21	.533	11
Houston	25	22	.532	11
Portland	22	22	.500	12 1/2
L.A. Lakers	19	25	.432	15 1/2
Dallas	19	25	.432	15 1/2
Minnesota	17	24	.415	16
Sacramento	17	29	.370	18 1/2
New Orleans	15	29	.341	19 1/2
Phoenix	15	30	.333	20

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

Tuesday's results

Golden State 108 Cleveland 95
Milwaukee 117 Detroit 90
Dallas at Portland
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers
Monday's results
Memphis 103 Philadelphia 100
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Chicago 93 Charlotte 85
Denver 102 Indiana 101
Houston 125 Utah 80
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Sacramento at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Brooklyn, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Teen drives his parents crazy



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Not sure about you, but I'm conflicted about the actions of that 13-year-old driver from Italy.

A couple of weeks ago, after a dispute with his adopted parents about cellphone charges and the subsequent confiscation of his cellphone, he took off in his father's Mercedes-Benz, with the plan to visit his biological sister in Poland.

He took his passport and the equivalent of about \$260. He managed to get fuel, cross two borders, and cover about 600 kilometres before he was picked up by German police and returned to his parents.

One side of me says, way to go Bud, you just caused incredible grief to everyone who cares about you and endangered hundreds of motorists from Italy to Poland.

Another side of me says, that was awesome, Bud. Not only the driving, but also the chutzpah. I can hardly cross back over the Buffalo border with a pair of un-



Part of me wants to scold the kid for being so reckless, another part of me wants to congratulate him. ISTOCK

declared Rockports on my feet.

Apparently he is a go-cart racer and actually looks like he's about 16. But still. Italy to Poland in your father's Mercedes when you're 13? You did your teenage tribe and human race proud.

We obviously shouldn't be condoning this kind of

behaviour, but it is consistent with how researchers say the teenage brain is wired — particularly with boys — and possibly how teenagers "should" behave on occasion.

They have a need to take risks, and the gene pool benefits from people who learn from their risk taking

when the stakes are lower.

Risk taking during adolescence is seen in all mammals, so there must be some biological reason for it. Just saying.

According to a study, called Why Do Boys Engage in More Risk Taking Than Girls by Barbara A. Morrongiello and Heather

Rennie at the University of Guelph, boys have both nature and nurture-related reasons for their increased risk taking.

We encourage and/or tolerate more risk taking in our boys, and they generally are more optimistic about their chances.

And if it doesn't go so good, boys often just mark it down to bad luck. Boys are also more prone to prorate their injury chances — a small injury is entirely OK. Girls see any chance of injury and just say no. They are smarter.

Puberty also plays a role. Apparently the section in the brain that computes emotion and social interaction is overactive during puberty, while the section designated for regulating behaviour is still a work-in-progress until early adulthood.

All this is not to justify the actions of our guy in Italy, but we should at least know what he was up against. And we should also note that he was not using his cellphone at any time during his drive. Yes, his parents took it away from him. But he was practising safe smartphone etiquette. You can't say he wasn't.

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Fold your own vehicle

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5 DRIVE

No one knows the Honda Accord like my mom

A maternal review.

A fan and multiple owner of Accords down the years, there was no better person to judge the latest model than my mother

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There's a Honda Accord expert in my family, and it isn't me.

Angie Pritchard is my mom. She drives a grey, four-cylinder, automatic 2000 Honda Accord. It replaces her 1996, which was powder blue, and equipped similarly.

That earlier model had 400,000 kilometres of reliable service when she sold it. Her current Accord has 245,000. Both posed few problems, started reliably

at 30 below, and got mom around when she needed to purchase ingredients or come visit her favourite son.

Charged with creating an evaluation on the new 2013 Accord Sport, I decided to hand the keys to Mom for some insight.

I am, after all, desensitized to things like backup cameras and electric power steering in a way. I see them every week. Mom doesn't. She's been driving the same car every day for years, and I can hardly imagine what that's like.

Turns out it was, largely, a list of the new Accord's thoughtful features that she loved the most.

"The steering is really light when you park it, I liked that."

That's the electric power steering. When the car is moving at parking lot speeds, it signals the power steering system to work harder, so you don't have

to. You get normal steering feel at highway speeds, and an easier time parking. At low speeds, you could steer with one finger.

"It's so smooth shifting."

That's because it has a CVT or Continually Variable Transmission, which executes the smoothest gearshifts possible: none at all. With no gears to shift, power comes on a linear wave, rather than in "steps." This saves you gas and makes acceleration smooth and seamless.

"I'm going to use this all the time."

Mom was talking about the ECON button. Press it, and the Accord's computer brain makes changes to the sensor in the gas pedal, the engine, and the transmission. These changes work with your gentle driving to help save fuel. You press this when you're trying to drive as efficiently as possible.

"I love that screen that lets you see what's behind you."

That's the backup camera. Its standard on every new Accord sold, because Honda says everyone wants one. It helps with parking and navigating while you're in reverse, and makes the area in and around the Accord safer. Winter sees it easily blocked with salty road spray, but a lick of your finger and swipe over the tiny lens as you walk by clears it.

"The turn signals blink three times, on their own?"

That's an added convenience when you're changing lanes. Tap the stick once, and it blinks the blinker three times. Makes you look like a courteous driver, even if you aren't.

"The lights stay on, on their own."

Left in AUTO, the headlights turn on when it gets dark, turn off when it's not, and even stay on for a half minute after you lock the car, so you can see your way up to the house in the dark.



The 2013 Honda Accord.



My mom Angie Pritchard prior to the test drive. BOTH PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

The important thing today is that you focus your energy in a single direction. Because if you have more than one target, you will reduce your chances of success. What is your number one goal? Make it your only goal.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may be under the impression that if you don't grab what is being offered, you will miss out or fall behind. That isn't true. You will be more of a success in the long-term if you slow down a bit now.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Jupiter, planet of good fortune, turns direct in your sign today. So there is no reason at all why you should hold back, and every reason why you should surge ahead of the pack. Show your rivals what real speed looks like.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Be careful what you say to colleagues and employers today because if they feel you are being unfair, they may turn against you. If you have to be blunt at least make sure what you say is factually true.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You won't hesitate to point out other people's faults today. In fact once you start, you may find it hard to stop. That's OK but don't forget it works both ways: Expect to have a few of your own failings highlighted.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Jupiter, planet of abundance, turns direct in the rewards and reputation area of your chart, so good things are sure to come your way. Don't worry if that seems to upset some people. They're jealous of your success.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You can afford to be optimistic and you can afford to believe that the risks you take will pay off — mostly, they will. But even when they occasionally go wrong, it won't be a big deal. You're a winner.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If you are told something of a privileged nature today, you must keep it to yourself. If you let everyone in on the secret you won't be confided in again. In fact, you may in future be the last one to know.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

This looks like an excellent day for partnerships, especially those of a romantic nature. Jupiter in your opposite sign of Gemini will wash away any issues you have with the person you love most.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You will get through tasks and chores, both at home and at work, in record quick time today. You're a whirlwind that can't be controlled! Remember though that it's not all about speed. Make a good job of what you do too.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Generally speaking, this is still one of the best times of the year for you. But with the Sun at right angles to Saturn today, you may need to watch your back. Do you have a secret enemy? Yes, it seems you do.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You are trying too hard to convince someone that you know what you are talking about. The more you try to persuade them, the more suspicious they get. But why do you need to convince them? Let your actions speak for you.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

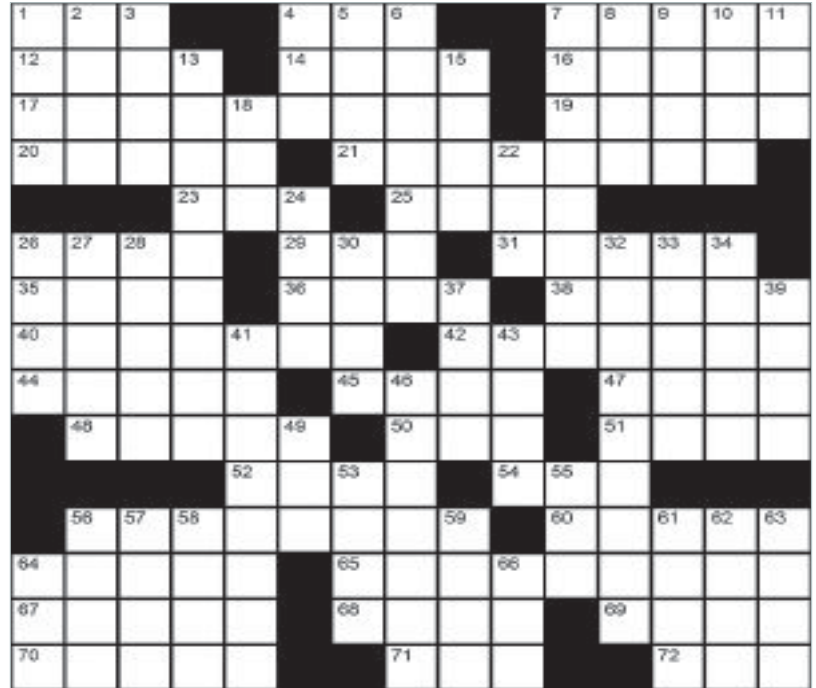
Across

1. Incidentally, texting-style
4. Blueprint
7. Big earrings
12. Press
14. Ornamental case
16. 2004 Jude Law movie remake
17. "Sunglasses at Night" singer: 2 wds.
19. 10-cent pieces
20. Van Halen guitarist
21. Born-in-Toronto film legend Mary
23. ___ Angeles
25. Popular style of cooking
26. "Holy ___!"
29. Work ___ sweat: 2 wds.
31. V- and Crew
35. Protest song by #13-Down
36. Laundry fuzz
38. "Dancing with the Stars" alum Ms. Ali
40. Vancouver players
42. Batman foe, The ___
44. Rock gig venue
45. Cosmetics company
47. "The Sopranos" actor, Robert ___

48. Type of cow
50. TGIF part
51. Back muscles, to a bodybuilder
52. Not found
54. "Voices Carry" by '___ Tuesday
56. Airfield in Afghanistan
60. Nova Scotia's ___ Trail
64. More wise
65. Victoria-born artist: 2 wds.
67. 'The Hub' of Nova Scotia
68. "White Flag" songstress
69. Place
70. Designer Calvin
71. Fresh
72. "For shame!"

Down

1. "American Idol" alum Bo
2. Step heavily
3. Microsoft program
4. "Not impressed."
5. ___ on the shoulder
6. Prude
7. Canadian astronaut Chris
8. Hodgepodge
9. "Being for the Benefit ___ Kite!" by The Beatles
10. ___ Piper
11. The Outsiders author Ms. Hinton's
13. Crosby, Stills & Nash bandmate, at times: 2 wds.
15. "The Seven Year ___" (1955)
18. Royal officer, for short
22. The Sunflower State [abbr.]
24. Pout
26. Dominican Republic city
27. Canadian actress Catherine



Sudoku

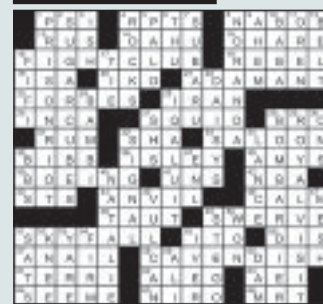
How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	1	6	3	5	4	9	2	7
9	5	4	7	8	2	3	1	6
3	2	7	6	1	9	5	8	4
4	7	1	9	6	3	2	5	8
6	8	5	2	4	1	7	3	9
2	9	3	8	7	5	6	4	1
7	3	2	4	9	8	1	6	5
1	4	9	5	3	6	8	7	2
5	6	8	1	2	7	4	9	3

Yesterday's Crossword



Today

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